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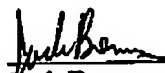
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 8, 2005, applicants elect the invention of Group II, drawn to antibodies that bind to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:43. The election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group IV be examined together with the claims of elected Group II.

The claims of Group II are directed to antibodies that bind to the human LBP-2 sequence of SEQ ID NO:43. Human LBP-2 is described in both SEQ ID NO:43 (full length polypeptide) and SEQ ID NO:7 (Group IV; fragment of human LBP-2). Because of the relatedness of the human LBP-2 sequences of SEQ ID NO:43 and SEQ ID NO:7, the issues raised during examination of antibodies directed against the sequences are expected to be similar, thereby facilitating simultaneous examination of the anti-human LBP-2 antibodies.

In light of the above comments, applicants request that the Examiner examine all of the claims directed to antibodies that bind to the human LBP-2 sequences of SEQ ID NO:43 or SEQ ID NO:7.

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Applicants reserve the right to rejoin the method claims of one or more of non-elected Groups VI and/or VIII upon allowance of the claims of Group II (and Group IV).

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